(vii) Provision to pay interest on Exchange Earner's Foreign Currency (EEFC) balances for outstanding balances.

(viii) Widening the list of interest subvention of 2% for pre-shipment and post-shipment credit to include jute textiles and carpets; processed cashew, coffee and tea; solvent extracted de-oiled cake; and plastics & linoleum.

(ix) Raising the revenue ceiling for Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana by Rs. 300 crore (from Rs. 200 crore to Rs. 500 crore).

(x) Reduction in customs duty on some items relating to textiles sector.

Investments in Home Mortgage Financial Institutions

548. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that foreign financial institutions that have invested in Home Mortgage Financial Institutions and banks are selling their stakes;

(b) if so, whether there is any expected financial turbulence and implication by such trend; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to secure the stability of the Indian economy in the face of above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table on the House.

Loans advanced to foreign countries

†549. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several countries including Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Sudan have not repaid the loans advanced to them by Government;

(b) if so, the details of efforts being made to recover the amount of loans till date; and

(c) the names of the countries against which the amount of loans extended by Government is outstanding alongwith the details of amount of loan and the dates since the same is outstanding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Among the specific countries mentioned at part (a) no amount is due from any country other than Kenya. The borrowing countries are beign pursued as and when necessary to ensure timely repayment. The details of the loan sanctioned is given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.